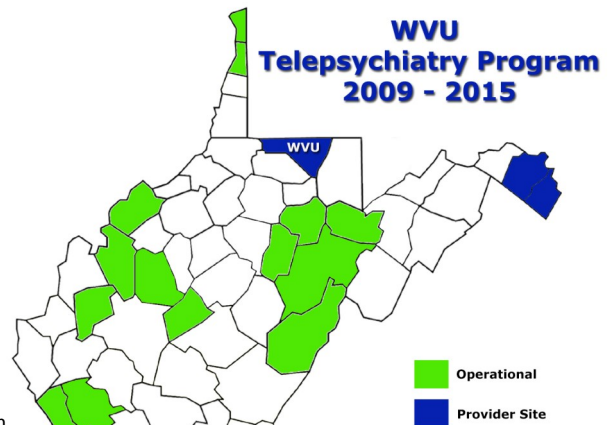


West Virginia University **Telepsychiatry Program**

Program Objective

"To expand access and provide quality psychiatric care to underserved areas of West Virginia."

The Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry, in conjunction with WVU Mountaineer Doctor Television (MDTV), currently operates **35 telepsychiatry clinics throughout the state of West Virginia**. These clinics provide child and adolescent, adult, and addiction related psychiatric services to clients in fourteen counties with extensive catchment areas extending past county borders. Addiction related services also include provision of much needed care to pregnant mothers. Services have expanded to include the education of rural clinic providers and psychiatry residents. Future plans for further expansion include provision of services to nursing homes, rural schools and teletherapy which are all designed to minimize usage of limited patient and local resources and maximize treatment potential for the future.



Timeline

Servicing Counties

- Barbour
- Brooke
- Clay
- Hancock
- Jackson
- Logan
- McDowell
- Mercer
- Mingo
- Pocahontas
- Putnam
- Randolph
- Roane
- Tucker
- Upshur
- Wood

- 2009** ♦ Opened first Adult Telepsychiatry Clinic in Roane County
- 2011** ♦ Established COAT (Comprehensive Opioid Addiction Treatment) clinic in Clay county
- 2012** ♦ Awarded HRSA grant "West Virginia Rural Telepsychiatry and Health Monitoring Project" focusing on expansion of clinic into underserved areas along with creation of a metabolic syndrome registry that will be designed to improve communication with rural primary care providers over the next four years.
 - ♦ Telepsychiatry Division featured in WVU Healthcare Medical Staff Affairs Newsletter ([View Here](#))
- 2013** ♦ Presented at World Congress Telehealth Summit
 - ♦ Developed & Organized Telepsychiatry COAT Clinic Recovery Support Group which was modeled as a 12-Step support group that facilitates contact utilizing telehealth equipment between 2 rural areas with limited access to meetings necessary for recovery
 - ♦ Telepsychiatry COAT clinic featured in WVUhealth ([View Article Here \(pg.8\)](#))
 - ♦ Began psychiatry resident and child fellowship education via participation in clinics to learn provision of care via telemedicine.
- 2014** ♦ Began providing Therapy Residency Supervision
 - ♦ Hosted Metabolic Syndrome Registry Training Conference for all HRSA Grant site participants
 - ♦ Presented at the 2014 Addiction Training Institute
 - ♦ Featured in WVUhealth Spring 2014 edition ([View Article Here](#))
 - ♦ Added structured outpatient program in Barbour County
- 2015** ♦ Published article titled "[WVU's telepsychiatry community partners build deep connections](#)"
 - ♦ Featured in WVUMedicine Health Report ([View Video Here](#))

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Telepsychiatry Consults Per Year

